of communities as backward and depressed and when did such a principle begin ?

(*b*) On what principle has the backward community been classified as majority and minority groups ?

(*c*) Has any community considered as backward become now a forward one ?

(*d*) Whether the Government are aware that many of the minority communities are generally poor ?

(*e*) Whether the Government have considered the reasons for such communities not progressing mentally, materially and economically; whether even now the Government will try to uplift them ?

(*f*) (i) Are the Government aware that they have not created any facilities to the Arya Kshatriya Samaj, though the latter has several times brought to notice the poor condition of the people of the community with a view to uplift them mentally; (ii) will they be pleased to create facilities to the Samaj even now by taking into consideration their representation and suggestions ?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

*A.—59.* (*a*) Any caste, tribe or community which has less than five per cent of its total population literate in English is reckoned as backward. Adikarnatakas, Adidravidas, Lambanies (Banajars), Koramas, Voddas and such others who are very low in the scale of literacy are classified as depressed classes. The principle was enunciated in 1917.

(*b*) Communities which have a population of three lakhs and more are treated as separate (major) groups for the award of backward class scholarships and smaller (minor) communities of similar social and economic conditions are grouped together.

(*c*) This question cannot be answered till the latest census figures are available.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Yes. Government are doing in all they can for the uplift of the backward and the depressed classes.

(*f*) (i) No.

(ii) Any representations made will receive due consideration.

MR. RAMALINGAM (Minority Interest) Depressed classes.—

*Q.—61.* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) If they are aware how many *jambava mathas*

have been in existence for the *edagai* Adikarnatakas from a very long time and where ;

(*b*) What action has been taken by the Government to improve those *mathas*; or what action do they propose to take ?

FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

*A.—61.* (*a*) It is reported that there is a *matha* belonging to this community in the Hiriyur Taluk, Chitaldrug District.

(*b*) No representation has been received in the matter.

MR. DODDA LINGA NAIK (Minority Interest) Bedars.—

*Q.—62.* Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Whether orders of Government have been issued authorising the recovery of *kanikes* by Polegar families from the people of the Naik community ?

(*b*) If so, which are those families authorised in the matter and when; will a copy of the order be placed on the table ?

(*c*) Are the Government aware of such a system ?

(*d*) If so, will the Government undertake to take proper steps in the matter ?

FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

*A.—62.* (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Does not arise.

MR. DODDA LINGA NAIK (Minority Interest) Bedars.—

*Q.—63.* Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Whether definite seats in the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council have been guaranteed for the Naik community ?

(*b*) If not, will it be possible to guarantee seats for this community ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

*A.—63.* (*a*) No.

(*b*) It is not possible to guarantee seats to the community as suggested.